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crow here, and I'm going to go ahead, and I'll vote for this extra penny. I can't take a walk on this one. I'd like to, but I guess I won't. (Laughter) But it's just the way life is. Sometimes you have to sit down and buckle up, I guess. I'm going to sit right here and vote for it. I don't want to. No way do I want to. No way do I want to vote for this. Because it could...and I guess the issue here, it "could" raise our taxes. It could. I want to stress that. Could. It could. The school boards...you know, our school boards, they still have a lot of power. Our school boards want to pass the buck sometimes. And I don't mean that kind of a buck. Not too many bucks to pass around. But they want to say, oh, it's mandated. It's...I've heard that 1,000 times. The school boards. It's mandated. Those darn state legislators, they mandated another one. I hate to use the word cop-out. I won't use that word. But that's kind of a cop-out sometimes. They have more power than we give them credit for. They really do. School boards, they don't have to hire the state aid...or, the state aides, yeah. They don't have to hire the aides for their classrooms. They don't have to hire these...all these nice things. They don't have to have these things. They don't have to have all the things that sometimes school boards do. Getting a little noisy in here, so I better shut up now. But hey, sometimes you got to bite the bullet. Like I said before, I hope it's not pointing the wrong direction. I don't think it is this time. I think it's going outward. Let's do it. When we come back in the good times, we can just let these dollar state aids roll back in here. Maybe I'm an optimist. I guess I am. Maybe I'm a fool too, but I hope not. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Raikes, there are no further lights, if you'd like to close on your motion to return the bill to Select File.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I appreciate the discussion. I would want to emphasize, following a couple of the comments that Senator Loudon made, this is essential. If we don't do this, our budget bill does not match our funding formula. We will have to redo the budget bill. So unhappy as it is...and I hear what all of you are saying. I'm sorry to have to bring this to you. But it is necessary. So I would ask